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MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PERSONNEL DIRECTOR

SUBJECT: Transfer and Assignment of
Mr. John S. Warner

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Chief, STB, to
Chief, Employees Division; same
subject, dtd 19 April 1950

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1. It is only with the greatest personal reluctance that I have approved the request of the Chief, STB, for the transfer of Mr. John S. Warner from the Legal Staff to the Office of Special Operations. Approval is given only on the belief that rotation of this nature is essential to a sound career management program, and of such benefit to CIA and the individuals involved as to override the needs and desires of any one office.

2. That there may be no future confusion, I wish to state for the record my understanding that this is an absolute transfer from staff work to operations, with no transfer or mixture of functions. If there were any intention to perform strictly legal functions in an operational office on the basis that qualified personnel were there available, I would not approve this transfer. The whole purpose of a legal staff is to provide an impartial and objective review of problems involving legal principles, with the interests of the Agency as a whole taken into consideration.

3. It is further contemplated that the transfer is for a temporary, though indefinite, period, presently considered to be for approximately three years. At the end of this assignment, it is intended that Mr. Warner return to the Legal Staff to a position equivalent to or carrying higher responsibilities than that from which he is released.

4. In accordance with informal conversations, Mr. Warner will remain with this office for a period necessary to make provision for the performance of his duties, and it is estimated, therefore, that the effective date of the transfer will not be earlier than approximately two months from the present date.

LAURENCE R. HOUSTON
General Counsel
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